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SUBJECT: DANES LODGE PROTEST OVER BRITISH CLAIM TO ROCKALL

REF: COPENHAGEN 3087

1. AFTER EXTENSIVE GEOLOGICAL STUDIES, ON DEC. 13 THE DANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LODGED A FORMAL PROTEST WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN OVER THE BRITISH DESIGNATION ORDER CLAIMING CONTINENTAL SHELF RIGHTS TO ROCKALL (REFTEL).

2. THE DANISH POSITION, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS AND CONFIRMED TO US BY MFA SOURCES, IS THAT SUCH A UNILATERAL DECLARATION BY THE BRITISH IS UNCALLED FOR SINCE THE LOS CONFERENCE CONTINUES ITS WORK. SECONDLY, IF ANY DECLARATION IS MADE CONCERNING ROCKALL, A BETTER GEOLOGICAL CASE CAN BE MADE FOR A DANISH CLAIM (THROUGH THE FAEROE ISLANDS) THAN THAT OF THE BRITISH (THROUGH SCOTLAND).

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3. THE MFA BELIEVES THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE

BRITISH ON THIS SUBJECT WILL TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA IN THE LOS
CONFERENCE THIS SPRING.
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